

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

DECLARATION OF POLICY

*Submitted to House
Expenditures Committee
28 June 47*

Sec. 1 (a) Findings and Declaration:

In enacting this legislation, it is the intent of Congress to provide a comprehensive and continuous program which will effectively accomplish the national intelligence objectives of the United States. In order to achieve these objectives, it is necessary to establish a permanent, centralized, intelligence agency so that all the foreign intelligence sources and facilities of the Government may be utilized to the fullest extent in the production of foreign intelligence, and so that their greatest potentialities may be realized most efficiently and economically, with a resultant elimination of unproductive duplication and unnecessary overlapping of functions.

Accordingly, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the people of the United States that in order to strengthen the hand of the Government in formulating national policies and conducting relations with other nations, and subject at all times to the paramount objectives of assuring the common defense and security, the foreign intelligence activities, functions, and services of the Government be fully coordinated, and, when determined in accordance with the provisions of this Act, be operated centrally for the accomplishment of the national intelligence objectives of the United States.

Acts appropriating such sums may specify portions which may be expended; (A) without regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to the expenditure of Government funds or the employment of persons in the Government service; (B) for objects of a confidential nature, such expenditures to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Director and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified.

SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

Sec. 6. If any provision of this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

SHORT TITLE

Sec. 7. This Act may be cited as "The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1947."